

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015, AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NAYLAND.

Present: Mrs George (Chair), Mr. M. Pescott-Frost, Mrs P. Fuller, Mr. G Walker, Mrs R. Knox, Mr. G Batty, Mr. I Harris, Mr. W. Hitchcock  
Mr. J Finch (County Councillor), and Mr. P. Drew (For the Press).  
+ Three Parishioners.

**Before Commencement of the Meeting**

a. **Public Forum**

i. **Litter and Dog Fouling**

Mrs. A. Carver informed the Council that a group of volunteers (at least six) had been clearing assorted litter & full dog poop bags from key areas in the Parish e.g. Candy Lane, the Allotment Field and Horkesley Hill. They had found trees and hedges 'draped' with tied full bags. These areas were despoiled by such 'dumping'. She voiced her disgust at the anti-social attitude of the many culprits. She had received Babergh's guidance for Volunteer Litter Picking via the Chair. 100 full dog poop bags had been picked up by the voluntary group. She noted that Candy lane was being used by drivers from outside the village-possibly dog walkers. She wanted the Council to know and sought permission for them to tackle the thorn and bush strewn ditch at the side of Candy Lane.

ii. **Candy Lane/Allotments Quagmire**

Mr. C. Hunt alerted the Council to the grassed parking area adjacent to the allotments which is currently a quagmire of mud. It is an area used by allotment holders for their own cars. He agreed that there had been extra parking at this site owing to drivers coming to the allotment field to walk their dogs. He felt that the Council should re-instate its 'Private Land' notice as a means of safeguarding the use of the field as the Parish Council designated. There has been an increase in the number of vehicles using Candy Lane.

iii. **Double Yellow Lines On Anchor Bridge**

Mr. C. Hunt felt that there was no need for such action as a result of previous reported demands from the public. Anchor Bridge was no more dangerous than other selected locations in the village

b. **District Council Report**

District Councillor Richard Cave sent his apologies. The Babergh Newsletter was available on the Babergh Website and had been e-mailed to Councillors.

c. **County Council Report**

County Councillor James Finch attended and his full report is attached to the Minutes. Mr. Finch drew the Council's attention to the proposed Chilton Woods development on the outskirts of Sudbury. He would do his best to ensure that the 1,250 home housing development did not detrimentally affect the amount of traffic using Valley Road and the A134 through Newton. Mr. Finch would be arranging a meeting between the pub management and a nearby neighbour concerning alleged parking issues.

**d. Police Report**

Period from 01/01/15 to 31/01/15

<b>Crimes of Public Interest</b>				
<b>Village</b>	<b>Date / Time</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Nayland with Wissington</b>	19/01 12pm - 20/01 5pm	<i>Theft - Other</i>	<i>Bear Street</i>	Garden ornament stolen

**Parish Council Meeting**

Mrs. George(Chair) proposed that owing to the indisposition of the Clerk, G. Battye should take the minutes of this meeting. Seconded by P. Fuller and unanimously agreed.

**1. Apologies**

Were received from Graham Walker and Tom Gardiner. In addition, apologies were received from Debbie Hattrell (Clerk) who was indisposed owing to her son being in a Birmingham hospital.

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 was proposed by P. Fuller and R. Knox. The motion was carried unanimously apart from abstentions from I. Harris and G. Battye who had both been absent.

**3. Declarations Of Interests By Councillors**

There were no declarations.

The Chair asked that the Council move the Highways item to number 4 in the agenda so that Mr. Finch could be involved before he left. This was agreed

**4. Highways****a. Anchor Bridge**

A number of Councillors (G. Battye, I. Harris, P. Fuller, R. Knox M. Pescott-Frost) voiced their opposition to any double yellow lines being placed on the bridge. The Council had done much work in encouraging the Highway Authority to discourage speeding towards Court Street and parked cars, as elsewhere in the village, provided physical barriers that inhibited speeding. Mrs George confirmed that traffic issues for the area near the Anchor Bridge had been added to the list of items for the highways meeting with PC Chairs, but this was not a PC request for yellow lines.

**b. Road to 'Hullbacks', Wiston**

The Council had received correspondence from Mr. Ryan the owner. He had explained that for three years, he had been involved in on-going discussions with Suffolk County Council over the state of the road to Hullbacks. Patching had only brought very temporary improvement. R. Knox had attended the Public Inquiry into the status of Dead Lane some years ago. She believed that the 'public' road extended to the Guinea Wiggs entrance. Between meetings, G. Walker had reported that quite a bit of farm traffic e.g. heavy grain vehicle had been using the road/track via Wissington Grove Farm. He had wondered whether a 'No HGV' sign might help the situation. The meeting closed to allow Mr. Finch to speak. Suffolk County Highways have responded to Mr. Ryan. The owner of Guinea Wiggs had also been in touch. Steve Merry(SCC Highways Engineer) has stated that Highways Authority was due to re-surface the relevant stretch of road in the 2015-2016 Plan.

c. **Grass Verge Cutting**

Members of the Council expressed concern about the standard of the SCC 2014 verge cutting. I. Harris also expressed concern about the standard of SCC monitoring the standards of its verge cutting contractors and their work. The meeting closed to allow Mr. Finch to respond. He agreed that the local verge cutting was of poor quality. Within SCC he has voiced his concern and demanded improvements for 2015. He felt the Parish Councils were the best local monitors for such jobs. The Council should inform both him and Steve Merry at SCC Highways of any problems early on so that monitoring can be effective. Mrs George confirmed this matter was already on the list of concerns sent to SCC Highways.

d. **State of Pavements on the Heights Estate**

Mr. Battye raised his worries about their very poor state again. P. Fuller leant her support. The meeting closed to allow Mr. Finch to respond who explained that this matter had been raised with the relevant SCC Officers.

e. **Nayland Heights Street Nameplates**

P. Fuller noted the poor state and legibility of some of the nameplates that had never been replaced since 1965. E.g. Ash Rise, Birch Fall, Larch Grove and at the bottom of Heycroft Way itself. It was agreed to write to Babergh requesting replacements.

***ACTION: CHAIR/CLERK***

f. **Wet Soil and Weather Effects On Road Sign Posts**

R. Knox noted that two tall signs in Wiston were leaning and posed a danger. She wondered whether this was a wider problem. The meeting closed to allow Mr. Finch to respond. He fully recognised the problem and had raised it with the relevant SCC Highways Officers. The matter will be raised at the meeting between the Local Parish Council Chairmen and SCC that he had organised in some weeks' time. The meeting re-opened and the Chair asked all councillors to report any leaning or damaged road signs to her in the next week.

***ACTION: ALL COUNCILLORS AND CHAIR***

Mr. Finch left the meeting.

5. **Finance**

i. **Cash Report**

The Chair read from the bank balances as at 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. The cash position was as follows:

Current Account	£1,000.00
Linked Account	£36,347.45
Capital Investment Account	£11,952.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£49,299.52</b>

6. **Accounts For Payment At this meeting**

1	Chris Mortimer Grounds Maintenance	Litter and work on recreation ground	£1641.60
2,3,4		Total Employment Costs Inland Revenue, National Insurance, Pension payments and deductions	£1,119.30
5	Nayland Village Hall	Grass-cutting Webb's Meadow	£250.00/£275
6	Glasdon UK Ltd.	Litter Bin for Fairfield	£249.60
7	Carne and Company	Public Liability Insurance for use of new play equipment	£79.92
8	Suffolk Preservation Society	Annual Membership	£25.00

Queries were raised about the actual amount agreed by the Finance Committee for the Council's Contribution towards the Grass Cutting of Webb's Meadow during the summer months non rental period. The Chair agreed to check this with the minutes so that the previously agreed amount would be paid. The listed payments were unanimously authorised by the Council. Proposed by I. Harris and Seconded by R. Knox.

***ACTION CHAIR***

- iii **2015-2016 Precept Form**  
This was signed to be dispatched to Babergh  
***ACTION:CHAIR***

**7. Town and Country Planning**

**i Decisions from the Planning Authority:-**

- a) **B/14/01539/FHA Grove House, Wiston**  
Permission had been granted with appropriate conditions
  - b) **B/14/01169/LBC 1, Birch Street, Nayland**  
Permission had been granted with appropriate conditions
  - c) **B/14/01542/LBC 2a, Birch Street, Nayland**  
Permission had been granted with appropriate conditions to protect the heritage assets
  - d) **B/14/01478/LBC/ 12, Stoke Road, Nayland**  
Permission has been granted with appropriate conditions
- ii. **Application For Tree Work at Mallards, 88, Bear Street, Nayland B15/00113/TPO**  
The site had been inspected by the Council Tree Warden who recommends approval. The Warden's own TPO map does not include this site. The Council unanimously recommended approval of this application. Proposed: G. Battye and seconded by P. Fuller
- iii. **Application for single storey extension at 30 Newlands Lane, Nayland B15/00074**  
The Council unanimously recommended approval of this application. Proposed by I. Harris and Seconded by G. Battye.
- iv. **Application & LBC Consent for Internal Alterations and new window at The Old Chapel, Stoke Road, Nayland B/15/00011/LBC & B14/01611/FHA**  
The Council expressed its approval of the new windows and internal alterations at this important site. The Council was pleased to hear that an amended Design and Access Statement had been submitted, clarifying that all performances would be private, involving only friends. P. Fuller felt that despite there being no alterations to the windows on the front elevation, neighbours opposite should have been approached. It was proposed by M. George and Seconded by G. Battye that the application be recommended for approval but that Babergh's conditions should reflect the clarification contained in the application's second and amended Design and Access Statement. Unanimously agreed.
- v. **Babergh Planning Consultation -**  
M. George(Chair) and G. Battye had attended the Babergh Briefing concerning:  
***"Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (Core Strategy Focused Review, Development Management and Site Allocations DPD)"***  
Closing date for comments is 5.00pm on 12 March 2015.  
Councillors had a chance to read this through links to the Babergh website. It is a very lengthy document and is difficult to summarise but from the briefing, it appears that Babergh is pruning a few hundred policies down to 23 or so, in line with central government wishes. In the document, aspects of Planning appear less black and white, less specific and more flexible. In AONB and Conservation Areas, however, we were assured that there is still the firm protection as reflected in the National Planning Framework. The approach will be one of assessing *Impact* of applications. The definition and delineation of the village 'envelope' might slacken.  
Members, wondered how crucial the Council's response would be in the final analysis. The Chair, recommend that an on-line form, prepared by G. Walker could be used to collect our reactions and comments.  
***ACTION: CHAIR AND G. WALKER***

vi. **Parish Council On-line Planning**

Owing to the absence of G. Walker and the Clerk, this item was deferred until the March meeting

vii. **Any Other Urgent Planning Items**

None

8. **Arrangements For Parish Assembly**

I. Harris suggested that Neil Catchpole from the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley project be invited to give a talk about some relevant aspect of his work in the locality. The Chair agreed to contact him. All agreed that reports, account etc. should be placed on notice boards with the public being encouraged to ask questions etc. during the agenda.

Advertising the event was discussed, without conclusion. Flyers had not increased attendance last year, but Mrs. George would draft an advertisement to be distributed at an earlier date in March to include an appeal for residents to stand for election.

***ACTION: CHAIR***

9. **Walsh, Love and Caley Charities**

Members had been circulated with information about the Walsh trust, its history and relationship with the Parish Council. G. Battye explained that an extra person, drawn from the community, was needed to help identify the 'old and needy' as identified in the Trust. G. Battye proposed, "The Parish Council enables the Walsh trust to co-opt another Parish resident to the Trust, should the Trust deem it necessary to fulfil its charitable duties. Such a co-optee shall not be a Parish Councillor. Seconded by I. Harris and carried unanimously.

10. **Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces**

The amount of dog defecation on Caley Green and other Open Spaces was discussed. Mrs. Carver and Councillors had identified other sites. Mrs. George described "Babergh Safe Litter-Picking". Everybody agreed that the appearance of volunteers, as reported by Mrs. Carver, for a very unpleasant task was laudable and in itself would 'advertise' the anti-social behaviour of some dog owners. The volunteers were unanimously thanked and admired by the Council. Liaison with/by the group would be useful.

11. **Street Lighting**

The Clerk would be able to confirm matters, but there doesn't look to have been a response from SCC Lighting regarding current progress, apart from their identifying the end of January as their starting date. The next phase had been ordered by the Clerk.

***ACTION:CLERK***

12. **Footpaths, Including Footbridges**

- i. Footpaths 47 & 13 have had an emergency closure for 21 days. This period is drawing to a close but no work has commenced. The closure is for work on Merle's Bridge at Horkesley Lock. Sally Bartrum, the Footpath Warden has spent a lot of time and effort on this. No answers on commencement yet. The Chair was asked to send a letter to Essex Rights Of Way expressing our extreme disappointment at the delay.

***ACTION:CHAIR***

- ii. Footpaths 3 & 4: Negotiations concerning the design of one of the stiles is ongoing at the moment.

- iii. W. Hitchcock expressed his approval of the smart bridge design at the Fen street end of Socket Alley

13. **Burial Ground**

There had been requests for grave memorials for Sue Willis and Norman Walton. The design of these memorials was consistent with Council policy and the Council approved their erection. Proposed by Mr. George and Seconded by P. Fuller

#### 14. Allotments

- i. **Allotment Field Grant Aid**  
The Council has received notification of its Entry Level Stewardship Agreement from Natural England.
- ii. **Best Kept Allotment Prizes**  
The Council had received annual Registration notification from the Charity Commission for the Walsh Allotment Prize Fund.
- iii. **Allotment Field Signage**  
The Council discussed possible signage at the Allotment Field. The Council felt that there needed to be clarity and identification of the exact problem and how the field was to be used and in the future. Any discussion would be enhanced by thought and preparation for the March meeting where this would be placed on the agenda. The Chair closed the meeting to enable Mr. Hunt to address the Council again. He reiterated that it was in the long term interest of the Council and residents that a sign clearly stated that the field was Private Land & owned by the Council.  
I, Harris suggested that a sign stating: 'Right of Access Doesn't Constitute a Right Of Way' might be a way forward  
**ACTION: CLERK**
- iv. **Dog Fouling**  
The Chair suggested that the Council play its part by having a another focused poster campaign. She would have a look for posters for discussion at the March meeting. A Poop Bin had been suggested for the Allotment Field. Whilst Babergh would not empty a bin in such a location, our own contractor could be approached to investigate the feasibility. This would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.  
**ACTION: CLERK**  
The Council was reminded that it would have to approach a solicitor if it was draw up bye-laws concerning this matter.
- v. **Pot Holes in Candy Lane**  
After discussion, it was felt that this issue could be left to the Allotment Holders who could identify problems as they arose. Mrs George suggested that some stretches needed further reinforcement. Only allotment tenants should be using this area. Councillors would visit between meetings. This would be an item on March Agenda. **ACTION: CLERK AND COUNCILLORS** No action at this stage of the year.  
**ACTION: ALL COUNCILLORS**  
**ACTION: CLERK**
- vi. **Parish Council-Allotment Holders' Annual Meeting**  
This could be in early April. To be arranged at the March meeting  
**ACTION: CLERK**  
**ACTION: ALL COUNCILLORS**

#### 15. Village Hall

- i. **Soakaway**  
R. Knox reported that the Management Committee were about to institute work in an attempt to prevent flooding but if this scheme was unsuccessful, a much more expensive major scheme would have to considered. This would need Parish Council financial support.
- ii. **Village Hall AGM**  
P. Fuller would be representing the Council at the AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> March.
- iii. **Film Evening**  
A 'Suffolk Films In 1914 Film Presentation' would be shown on 27<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall. There would also be a talk on 'Contemporary Clothing of The Period' as part of the event, held to raise money for the Village Hall.

**16. Community Council**

P. Fuller would be representing the Council at the AGM of the Community Council on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**17. Correspondence**

Council In/Out Correspondence List has been circulated.

Following the Council's notice in the Community Times, Regional Post Office have reported to the Council that there has been one initial enquiry-this is in early stages so the matter is on-going.

**The meeting closed at 9.31 p.m. in good order.**

**Nayland Parish Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
James Finch - County Councillor Stour Division - Summary Report**

➤ **Consultations have begun on Chilton Woods development outside Sudbury.**

Residents and local villagers have been urged to take part in a consultation and have their say on proposals relating to the Chilton Woods development in Sudbury. The consultation, which began on Friday 30th January, detailed proposals which recognise the site to the north of Sudbury as an ideal location to meet local housing and employment needs and deliver wider benefits for the area. These benefits will include provisions such as a new primary school, village hall, community woodland, a pub, shops, sports pitches, walking and cycling routes. As part of the consultation, residents were able to view and comment on proposals for the site and see what has changed since a housing developer presented a scheme back in 2012. From Friday 30th January 2014, plans and other information was available on the SCC website, at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/chiltonwoods](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/chiltonwoods)

The consultation will close on 16th February 2015. Views and feedback during the consultation will help inform the planning Outline Planning Application which SCC hopes to make this spring. If you have any questions regarding the consultation, please call 0345 603 1842 or e-mail [chilton.woods@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:chilton.woods@suffolk.gov.uk)

➤ **Suffolk care success at 'Going the Extra Mile' awards**

A new campaign, launched by Suffolk's health professionals, invites people to play their part to beat loneliness; drawing attention to the fact that loneliness can affect any of us at any time.

Age UK Suffolk predicts that 15,000 older people in Suffolk can go a month without speaking to a friend, family member or neighbour. The campaign, entitled 'Loneliness. Make the connection', began last month and kicks off a year-long focus on loneliness and how it affects people in different ways, from new parents to bereavement and unemployment. A number of studies have linked the harmful effects of loneliness to both mental and physical health; claiming the same long-term harmful effects as obesity and smoking. SCC's public health team is joining forces with voluntary-sector organisations and other partners to co-ordinate the campaign, drawing attention to the support already available from befriending schemes and organised groups to telephone and on-line advice. More information about this campaign is available from [www.healthysuffolk.org.uk](http://www.healthysuffolk.org.uk) including the ability to make a pledge, find out what support is available, read case study examples and download a range of useful resources.

Supporting those most vulnerable in our communities is not only a key priority for us, but a moral obligation. That's why I heartily support this campaign to raise awareness about loneliness, the wide range of people it can afflict, and the effects it can have. We can all play our part and make a big difference on our doorstep.

➤ **Nayland Challenges**

I have been exploring ways of trying to resolve two Nayland Challenges – the retention of the Post Office and the parking issues at the Anchor Public House. The Search for resolutions are both ongoing.

**My priorities for Suffolk**

*Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth  
Localism and the Stour Valley - Building on Suffolk's Strength –  
all underpinned by strong financial management and low council tax*